

# The AMERICAN LEGION

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## WOULD "CLEAN UP" POLITICS

Massachusetts High School Girl Chooses Important Topic to Win Essay Contest.

An appeal to the American Legion, to "clean up" politics is contained in the essay of a high school girl which recently was awarded a prize in the Somerville (Mass.) post's competition for the best article on "What Service Can the American Legion Render to the United States?" Miss Eleanor Randall, the winner, makes this suggestion:

"When politics means graft, corruption, and the attainment of selfish ends, then is our government debased. It is the duty of the American Legion to change this interpretation of 'politics,' being careful meanwhile that the game is not played within the limits of the organization itself. It must out the graft, wipe away the corruption, and teach that the welfare of the government should be first and foremost in the mind of every true American. These boys who fought in the mud in France must not allow the mud of corrupt politics to cling about this great nation. As fearlessly as they fought in France, in spite of disagreeable conditions, they must clear away the mire and show us to the world as we really are at heart—a big-minded, idealistic people.

"Thousands of foreigners coming to our shores each year discover," Miss Randall continues, "that the 'streets of gold' of America are covered by the mud of the slums and that their 'homes of happiness' are squalid flats in the tenement district.

"Should it not be the members of the American Legion who should help the immigrant who has come to our shores?" she asks. "The United States has been rightfully called the 'melting pot' of all nations. After the melting who will mold? The men who fought for the democracy of the world are the ones best fitted for the task. They are the best guardians of those who hardly know what democracy means. Let them help the immigrant to understand and the down-trodden to rise and when this task is finished they will have rendered to their nation the greatest service in the history of the world."

## GETS OUT LEGION BULLETINS

Miss Irene Harvan Who Prepares Orders for Circulation Among Posts and Members.

There is one young lady who takes it upon herself to get out all the bulletins and circulars from national headquarters that reach 9,000 posts and 2,000,000 members of the American



Miss Irene Harvan.

Legion. This is Miss Irene Harvan, who transcribes and mimeographs such material after it has been approved by Lemuel Bolles, the national adjutant.

## NAME FEW WOULD RECOGNIZE

But It Was Miguel Saavedra Who Gave the Immortal "Don Quixote" to the World.

That Miguel Saavedra wrote the immortal "Don Quixote" is not known by many. Ask the man on the street and he will tell you Cervantes was the author. This is for the reason that his full name, Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, is not popularly known.

He was born on October 9, 1547, and the age which gave Shakespeare to England gave Cervantes to Spain. In 1590 he made an ineffectual application to the king for an appointment in America, "a shelter for the poor and a refuge for the unfortunate." From Seville he moved to Valladolid, and tradition runs that he was imprisoned there as a debtor or a defaulter, and that while in prison he commenced writing "Don Quixote," the second part of which did not appear until 1615. Three weeks before his death he formally entered the Franciscan order and was buried in the convent of the sons of Trinity, Madrid.

There are two events in the history of Cervantes that are most remarkable: The first that, nominally though not actually, he died on the same day as Shakespeare—April 23, 1616—the difference in computing the calendar causing the apparent similarity. The second point of importance coupled with wonder is that no monument was raised to his memory till 1835, when a statue of heroic proportions was cast in Rome and set up in Madrid.—Chicago Journal.

## NUMEROUS PHASES OF LIFE

Existence May be Likened, with Considerable Truth, to Any One of Many Things.

Life, says the Ladies' Home Journal, is very much like a savings account in the bank. You get out all you put into it, and considerable interest besides.

A winding country road. Although one cannot see far ahead, rest is given to the journey by the fact that something new and interesting will be revealed at every turn of the road.

The new spring bonnet. A great deal of its charm depends on the kind of a face that peeps out beneath it.

An old-fashioned quilt. Requires both light and dark patches to carry out the design successfully.

Your wife. You find it very trying at times, but all things considered, you would not want to do without it.

An education. In order to make it really worth while one must share it with others.

A garment. It has its seamy side, but it is not policy to wear it inside out.

Alas, Yes!

Most of the means of making easy money afford similar means of losing it.—Boston Transcript.

## Rode Horseback 5,000 Miles.

The record for the longest individual ride of which an authentic account has been given is held by Lieut. Penckhof of the Russian cavalry. In 1882 he rode from his station in distant Siberia, a place with an unpronounceable name, to St. Petersburg, a distance of over 5,000 miles, in 193 days. This was more of an endurance than a speed test. Riding an ordinary pony of Siberian breed, carrying no baggage or provisions, he averaged thirty-seven miles a day and often made more than fifty-six miles a day. He rested at night. He used the same horse throughout the trip. Starting every morning at 7, he generally made but one stop for rest during the day, simply loosening the girth of his saddle while resting, but retired every night at 9. As he approached St. Petersburg after his long ride a life guard regiment with two bands met him and escorted him into the city, where he was received by the czar and knighted for his achievement.

## Record Horseback Rides.

There is a reliable account given of an Englishman, Squire Oxbaldstone, having ridden, in 1831, 200 miles in ten hours. In doing this, however, he rode 16 horses and changed every four miles. A wonderful test of endurance and pluck was the case of Capt. Charles Townley, another English cavalryman, who, in 1849, rode with dispatches from Belgrade to Constantinople, 820 miles. He remained in the saddle five days and 11 hours without rest, except on one occasion for six hours and the time consumed in changing to fresh horses. Twice the horse he rode dropped under him from exhaustion. It was a historic ride, for upon the event of his arriving in Constantinople ahead of all other couriers hung the decision of the war, which by his accomplishing the feat was averted.

## Rule to Attain Old Age.

Sir George Reid said: "I have aimed at health and happiness, and when confronted by a formidable obstacle I have first tried to knock it over; failing in this, to get around it; if not to get under it; and if these maneuvers failed I have been content to lie down in its grateful shade, finding it as a beautiful blessing in disguise."

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## TO REMAIN AT SARANAC LAKE

Wishes of Two Hundred Tubercular Patients at Sanatorium Are to Be Complied With.

Two hundred former service men, tubercular patients at Saranac Lake, will remain in the sanatorium there according to their wishes and will not be transferred to other government institutions as originally ordered, as the result of decisive action by the American Legion.

An instant protest was registered by the ailing veterans when the order for their transfer came and Richard T. Bell, chief of the service division of the New York state department, who had visited the men at Saranac a short while before, took up their case with the United States public health service. At the same time John T. Taylor, chairman of the national legislation committee of the American Legion, took similar action and the transfer order was rescinded.

## Hard to Believe.

A good Arabian horse can canter in the desert for twenty-four hours in summer and forty-eight in winter without drinking.

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Added Attractions

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Alice Lake

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Relating the strange experiences of a beautiful girl in an Art Studio in Paris. A story that is extraordinary in its dramatic power, suspense, and sheer heart appeal.

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